



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

Hayling Island Sailing Club
Monday, 12th August

Ben Cooper, as Chairman, opened the meeting at 6.45pm by welcoming all attendees.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given as follows:

Tim Blackstone/Phil Kilburn/Arthur Allen/Jo Hawkins/John Mather

2. Approval of Minutes of 2012 AGM at Restronguet Sailing Club

(held at Mylor Yacht Club) on 20th August 2012.

Copies of the minutes, had been published on the website, and were available for the members present to examine; The Chair asked whether there were any questions regarding the minutes; there were none.

Motion to accept the Minutes: Proposer – Charlie Stowe; Seconder – Rob Loveridge.

Vote to approve the Minutes as a true record: Carried unanimously by a show of voting cards.

3. Presentation of the 2012 Annual Financial Statement

In Jo Hawkins' absence, Ben Cooper presented the Accounts.

Ben explained that our accounts are presented fiscally but we also look at the financial accounts from September to August as this is when the sailing activity finances are best evaluated for sailing changes.

Ben read out the treasurer's report as which are attached at the end of these minutes.

Motion to accept the financial statement: Proposer – Murray Hampshire; Seconder –Phil Tilley

Vote to approve the Minutes as a true record: Carried unanimously by a show of voting cards.

4. Chairman's Report (to include Sailing Report)

Ben Cooper, presented his report, covering the last 12 months from the last AGM (attached at the end of these Minutes).

There were no questions.

5. Training Officer's Report

In Tim Blackstone's absence, Ben Cooper read out the training officer's report which are attached at the end of these minutes.

There were no questions.

6. **Technical Report by Chris Turner**

Chris Turner spoke on 3 technical issues:

1. Moulded foils – With changing technologies and costs there is now an opportunity to move from Alloy extruded foils to GRP moulded foils with minimal cost differences and many benefits; Trial foils have been produced and tested but as yet:
 - a. There has been no agreed proposal for their approval in the class rules;
 - b. Different manufacturing processes have been tested but no firm conclusions reached.

This item will be ongoing.

2. Shroud “turn-buckles” – using ‘turn-buckles’ on the shrouds is being explored as an alternative to the standard shroud plates – they are already used successfully on the 49er, and have been for some time; however, there has been no firm push or recommendation from inside the class to change.
3. Spinnaker poles – there have been a number of incidents where poles have split; Ovington are exploring it would be possible to make a strengthening sleeve to go inside.

Chris said he was stepping down from the committee and Duncan Hepplewaite will take his place. Ben Cooper thanked Chris for his ongoing support to the class and welcomed Duncan as the nominated “Builders” Representative on the class association committee.

7. **Proposed Amendment to Clause 4 of the Class Constitution - Subscriptions**

Current clause

- 4.1 The Association’s subscription year will run from 1st January to 31st December and annual subscriptions for full membership will become due on the 1st January of each year. Where members join after 30th September, their subscription will cover the whole of the following year.
- 4.2 The level of subscriptions will be decided at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the following year to cover the following types / categories of membership:
 - (a) Individual Adult Full Member
 - (b) Individual Youth Full Member
 - (c) Family Full Membership
 - (d) Student Full Membership
 - (e) Temporary Membership
- 4.3 There will be no Registration Fee for either first time applicants to the Association, nor Subscription Renewals.
- 4.4 Subscriptions will be proposed on the basis that they must include the required subscription to the International Class Association.
 - (a) On payment of annual Subscriptions, full members will be required to select which of the International Class Associations that they wish to join (29er, 29erXX etc).
 - (b) Where an individual wishes to be a member of more than one International Class Association (29er, 29erXX etc), they will be required to make an additional payment to the Association to cover the additional International subscription.

- 4.5 Any member who has not paid their subscription by 1st January will not be entitled to the membership rights until their Subscription is paid. Subscriptions should normally be paid by the 31st of January to ensure continuity of membership. Following this date, a member may be re-instated, at the discretion of the Committee, on payment of the annual subscription.

Proposed clause

- 4.1 The Association's subscription year will run from 1st January to 31st December and annual subscriptions for full membership will become due on the 1st January of each year.
- (a) A part year membership is available for **first time** individual applications to the Association covering the period from 1st September to 31st December; this will accommodate sailors transitioning from Junior Classes who want to participate in the activities of the Association for that autumn. Such members will be categorised as Individual Youth Full Members.
- 4.2 The level of subscriptions will be decided at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the following year to cover the following types / categories of membership:
- (a) Individual Adult Full Member
(b) Individual Youth Full Member
 i. Full Year
 ii. Part Year
(c) Family Full Member
(d) Student Full Member
(e) Temporary Member
- 4.3 There will be no Registration Fee for either first time applicants to the Association, nor Subscription Renewals.
- 4.4 Subscriptions will be proposed on the basis that they must include the required subscription to the International Class Association.
- (a) On payment of annual Subscriptions, full members will be required to select which of the International Class Associations that they wish to join (29er, 29erXX etc).
- (b) Where an individual wishes to be a member of more than one International Class Association (29er, 29erXX etc), they will be required to make an additional payment to the Association to cover the additional International subscription.
- (c) 'Part-Year' subscriptions will NOT include the subscription to the International Class Association.
 i. Members joining under the 'Part Year' membership will not be enrolled in the International Class Association, and will not be eligible to compete in International Competition during that 'Part Year' membership.
 ii. If such members wish to participate in International Competition during their part year membership then they should join the Association at the Full Year Subscription level.
- 4.5 Any member who has not paid their subscription by 1st January will not be entitled to the membership rights until their Subscription is paid. Subscriptions should normally be paid by the 31st of January to ensure continuity of membership. Following this date, a member may be re-instated, at the discretion of the Committee, on payment of the annual subscription.

Motion to accept the proposed amendment: Proposer: Ben Cooper, Seconder: Matt Venables

Vote to approve the Proposal: Carried unanimously by a show of voting cards.

8. 2014 Membership fee Proposal

Ben introduced proposals for an increase in membership fees for 2013 / 14, noting that there had not been a fee increase since the new Class Constitution had been adopted.

He highlighted that as a result of the approved change to Clause 4 of the Class Constitution that there was an additional Part Year membership fee which needed to be agreed.

The proposed increases / new fees were presented as follows:

Membership Types / Categories	2013 Subscription	2014 Subscription
Individual Adult Full Member	£32.50	£35
Individual Youth Full Member	£32.50	£35
Individual Youth Full Member (Part Year) <i>(Only voted on if approved under item 6 of the Agenda)</i>	N/A	£17.50
Family Full Member	£45	£50
Student Full Member	£22.50	£25
Temporary Member	£10	£10

There was a debate about whether the Student Membership Fee should be changed, and there was a strong feeling that the class needed to encourage those moving on to University to remain as members of the class; It was therefore proposed that this increase be voted for separately.

Motion for the Student Membership fee to remain at £22.50: Proposer - Martin Orton, Secunder - Ollie Cooper.

Vote for the Student Membership fee to remain at £22.50: By a show of voting cards, 42 members voted in in favour, 5 voted against. Consequently, the Student Membership Fee would remain at £22.50 for 2014.

Motion for the other proposed changes in Membership Fees for 2013/14: Proposer - Rod Raynor, Secunder - Steve Venables.

Vote to approve the proposed changes: Carried unanimously by a show of voting cards.

9. Election of Officers of the Association, Committee Members and Regional Sailor Representatives for 2013/14

Ben Cooper presented the Committee nominations for 2013/14. He suggested that unless there were any objections, and no positions were being contested by more than one nomination, that the Election could be taken in one block vote.

Ben Cooper presented the proposed committee nominations as follows:

The Committee for 2012/13 was thus elected as follows:

<i>Chairman:</i>	Rod Raynor	<i>Training Officer:</i>	Tim Blackstone
<i>Vice Chairman:</i>	Chris Berry	<i>Safety Officer:</i>	Charlie Stowe
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Sally Budden	<i>Marketing Officer:</i>	Phil Tilley
<i>Sailing Secretary:</i>	Phil Kilburn	<i>Committee member:</i>	Tom Harris
<i>Committee member:</i>	Phil Berry	<i>Committee member:</i>	Steve Venables

Committee member: Clive Grummett *Committee member:* Paul Mearns
Committee member: Sally Thomas

Motion to elect the proposed committee: Proposer - Will Alloway, Seconder – Trudi Loveridge

Vote to elect the proposed Committee: Carried unanimously by a show of voting cards.

Election of Sailor Representatives:

Ben Cooper presented the Area Sailor Representative nominations, and suggested that unless there were any objections, and no positions were being contested by more than one nomination, that the Election could be taken in one block vote.

Motion to elect the proposed Sailor Representatives: Proposer – Chris Berry, Seconder – Ollie Cooper

Vote to elect the proposed Committee: Carried unanimously by a show of voting cards.

As there were some gaps in the Sailor Representatives, and it was proposed that Chris Berry, as new Vice Chairman, would work to identify volunteers for the missing geographic areas, and he would report back to the committee with nominations

10. Open Question and Answer Session

Canada World Championships 2014: Trudi Loveridge – Asked about shipping details for Canada's Worlds next year.

Ben Cooper spoke of some his own experiences and costs in relation to the 2010 World Championships in Argentine, and that he could provide additional detailed following his own research at that time. He hoped that information would be provided in due course, and that he anticipated (although not confirmed as yet), that there would be some RYA support for competitors wanting to go to this event.

European Championships 2014

Chris Turner spoke about expectations for a 2014 Europeans which at the time were not planned and no venue confirmed. He indicated that the International Committee would have to work on options with a possibility that the event could take place towards the end of the year in Garda. This solution would obviously solve any conflict with the Summer World Championships.

ISAF Youth Worlds 2015 and 2016

Phil Tilley talked about ISAF Youth World Championships Selection plans for 2015 and 2016, given that both events we effectively to be winter events being hosted in Malaysia and then Oman respectively. The RYA are considering separate selection events in August for each of these major events so separating Youth Worlds selection from the normal Spring RYA Youth Championships.

Exact format and competitor formats for these events were still to be confirmed and age eligibility would be a critical issue.

Separately he also reported that the International Class Association is again proposing to ISAF that future Youth World Championships for the 29er should feature two separate events, to include an all female crew alongside a male or mixed crew. Exact details still to be confirmed.

There were no further questions or discussion items.

Ben Cooper thanked everyone for their time and contribution, and closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

Chairmans Report – August 2012

Welcome to the 2012 AGM – it's great to see so many here, and I hope that you've had a great first day on the water.

My role here is to give a review of the last 12 months, and it has been a fantastic time for the class. We've got where we are with considerable time and effort; and therefore before I move on to the year in general, I would therefore like to express considerable thanks to a few key people for their support and commitment, often behind the scenes, but without them, we would not be here today.

First, I must mention our Training Officer, Martin Orton. You will hear from him separately in a few minutes; he has done a fantastic job in developing our class open training programme, to the point where it continues to be oversubscribed, hugely successful, and generating universal praise from the sailors. Martin is stepping aside from this role, but the structure and plans he has put in place will ensure that this aspect of our overall activities have a sure base for the future. I would like to give my personal thanks to Martin for all his efforts and support. He is looking to continue in a general capacity on the committee if elected.

Whilst on Training, I would also like to specifically thank Phil Walker, our class coach, who has worked with Martin and the RYA helping to deliver the successful programme that we now have.

Second, Tom Harris, who took on the role of Sailing Secretary for the year, taking a big load of me from the previous year, and ensuring that we have had a great programme in place for 2012. With the growth in the fleet we have an increasing challenge to find clubs able to take us ... a double edged sword in some ways, but we have some great variety in the programme, we're heading further north to support the Scottish sailors, and we have a good mix of inland and sea events. No only that but we added the Noble Marine Winter Championships too as a new addition to the calendar – many thanks to Phil Kilburn and Nobel Marine for their support. Tom is stepping down from this role, and we thought we had filled the position, but we have been thwarted at the last minute, so we are still looking for a Sailing Secretary.

Third, Phil Berry, our Safety Officer, who has been a continual support, taking administrative control of our Eric Twiname RIB, and ensuring that we have appropriate processes in place for the management of overall safety at all our events. Phil too is stepping down from his role, and I am extremely grateful for his support

Fourth, Jo Hawkins, our Treasurer, and also huge help at this event. you will also here from Jo in due course, and I am particularly grateful to Jo for her work in managing the accounts. Jo is willing to continue in the role, but on the understanding that we find someone to start shadowing her with a view to taking over next summer.

Fifth, Martha Berry, our class administrator at the end, who takes all the admin stuff from Tom, Martin and me supporting the committee in general, and who has supported us all with membership, event and training administration. A huge amount goes on behind the scenes, and Martha catches lots of it, ensuring that problems are avoided, and that things run smoothly. Thanks Martha.

Sixth, the RYA ... I will come back to them.

There are others too – John Mather, our Vice Chairman, who as a sailor in the fleet ensures that we have the voice of those that matter right in the centre of things. John also coordinates the sailor reps in helping get new to the class sailors involved, and generally feeding back to the committee on what they want – the Buddy System was their idea amongst other things.

Angie Alloway, our Junior Class Liaison officer and General Secretary. Primarily ensuring that we are selling ourselves effectively to the Junior Classes, and also coordinating the new entrants wanting to try the boat.

Rob Allen, and Pete Bucktrout, who between them took the marketing role, making sure that the class is continually appearing in the appropriate yachting media with reports etc. – they are both stepping aside, and we are still in need of a new Marketing Officer.

Nigel Furness, who has managed our trophies this year, as a general committee member, plus Mike Davies, and Andy Baucutt – they all help to make the class what it is today ... but we need new parents to take over if things are to continue in this positive manner.

Me – my son goes to uni this autumn, but I am willing to continue in the role for the time being ... But like Jo Hawkins, I am keen that someone starts to shadow me as the year progresses, because I will not be standing again next summer. The class is in a great state, but we need new volunteers to pick up the baton and continue the work for the benefit our your offspring.

So what of the year? There are many really positive things report.

First, membership ... We have 230 members as seven days ago, which is slightly up on last year. This is made up of 118 youth members, 3 student members, 13 adult members and 44 family memberships giving us a further 96 actual members. Its great that we continue to grow, and indeed we are now the largest association in the International Class. As the autumn starts, we will be seeing many more coming into the class, particularly from Toppers, Cadets and Mirrors, as well as hopefully a few more coming across from 420's.

Second, sailing in general ... numbers are up across all events, with, as has been said already, the 2nd biggest Nationals in the UK class history. 73 at the RYA Volvo Youth Nationals, and over 60 at last autumns Inlands ... we should beat that again this autumn.

Competition overseas is key to the development of our sailors, and I am really pleased with the progress that has been made this year. 32 boats at the Worlds in Travemunde last month is fantastic ... and congratulations specifically to Ben Batten and Tim Gratton finishing in 8th, and Owen Bowerman / Morgan Peach finishing in 21st in a fleet of over 220. The Europeans in Poland early in July has a smaller GBR representation, but we still made our mark – with Jack Hawkins and Tim Walton finishing in 10th.

Ben and Tim were also selected as our representatives for the ISAF Youth World Championships in Dublin ... finishing in 7th. We also sent two boats to the new Eurosaf Event in Arhus, Denmark – a frustrating event for Vicki Payne / Stephi Orton and Matt Venables and Will Alloway.

We tried to continue the travel support grants for non Squad Sailors; but there were too many crew changes for us to actually award all three grants for the World Champs, but we do want to continue this in future.

Now the RYA – they are an essential partner in the class, and we have a great relationship with them, ensuring that we are well positioned as one of the key Youth Classes in the UK ... we have a defined contract with them which specifies how they will support us, both financially and in kind, and which also details what they expect from us in return.

As a result of the progress we have made, and the structure we have in place, the RYA are now very supportive in terms of recommending the class to transitioning sailors, and indeed in areas where we are less strong, Scotland, where we are seeing great growth, the North of England and Wales, there is a particular enthusiasm recommending new sailors into the class.

I should emphasis, that we are independent of the RYA – it is a partnership, and we work to our own strategy and plans, but the RYA are totally supportive and indeed enthusiastic of the progress we are making ... obviously, the introduction of the women's skiff at the 2016 Olympics can only be of benefit to the class in general. Our relationship with the RYA is very strong, collaborative and mutually supportive for the benefit of both, and competitive sailing in general.

We have made significant progress in the use of the website for better communication; the Facebook page is a great community, and I know that there are local pages too for specific activities and communication. We would like to get a newsletter off the ground too ... we tried earlier this year, but I'd like to try to get this going

Our relations with Ovington boats too is really strong, and indeed we are working with them to help with bringing new members into the class, and they have a boat upgrade programme in place to help with this

I have probably gone on enough ...it is very positive time for the class, and the year can be regarded as a huge success. For those who don't know, we now have a major target with the 2015 World Championships being awarded to the Pwllheli SC (just awaiting final confirmation) ... something for us all to aim for, and the ultimate recognition of the standing we now have in the International Class as a whole.

Finally, I'd like to thank my wife Debbie for continuing to be so supportive - we both take a huge amount of pleasure from seeing the progress that has been made by the class this year. It has a great future ahead of it in the UK, and if we can continue to lay on events like this week, then our membership will grow and grow.

I am happy to take questions now, or at the end of the meeting (there were none).

Thank you very much.

Training Officer's report – August 2012

We ran 8 Open Training weekends, 5 from Sept to Dec 11, and 3 Jan to Mar, although sadly 2 of the 2012 weekends had no sailing due to gales and then a frozen lake at Grafham with no wind.

We had high 30s and 45 boats for the last of the Transition Squad Selectors (TTS). It was fantastic to see the growth of the class and such numbers for the open training, and it did present a new set of challenges. However we did manage to accommodate everyone. This was a big challenge and was initially very difficult, particularly where the standard of many of the sailors was unknown. This was a big change for the coaches who have previously run the events as one big group and like to be fully inclusive particularly for the TTS events. However we worked with the coaches to ensure we split the sailors into groups to make it less intimidating to ask questions etc. and to try and make sure everyone got attention.

We had a syllabus as a guide for the 4 sessions after the TTS squad was selected, as started the year before. This syllabus is based on the TTS one and devised by the coaches. It was a great shame that we had no sailing on 2 weekends, which we have not experienced before, and we tried to achieve the best in the circumstances. We did manage to get out to sea for the last one at Weymouth before the Youth Nationals, which is planned for this year too.

The aim had been to achieve some consistency of coaches, and I would like to have seen more, but with the large numbers which exceeded what we had initially planned for, it was a case of trying to ensure we had enough good coaches for each event. However, we found some new very keen coaches and managed to link across with TTS and Youth Squad so the techniques in the squads could also be brought to the open training where appropriate.

Financially it looked as though this would cost the class quite a bit of money with the RYA subsidy spread more thinly over the fantastic numbers. However we did save some costs from the 2 weekends with no sailing, and manage to give some refunds.

The RYA subsidise the Open Training with £3,500 and a paid for coach and rib for the 3 TTS weekends. Overall the training used just under £500 of subsidy from the class

Moving on to 2012/13.

We have put the price up to £80/weekend. This is based on a full programme with an increased RYA subsidy of £5000; they are keen to continue to support the growing numbers, and with a class contribution of about £1000. Costs have increased, we are having to book

more training rooms at the venues, and provide either more coaches and possibly experienced sailors as assistant coaches for the newcomers events, and a safety rib more often to free the coaches to coach. We still think this is good value and cheaper than other youth classes.

We are expecting similar numbers for the period ahead, so we have changed the format to bring in 2 Newcomers weekends (one midlands, one south), and an experienced sailors weekend, all before the TTS selectors which after discussion with the RYA remain as all inclusive large events.

For the Newcomers weekend we are looking for a few of our more senior and top sailors, local to the events, to help as assistant coaches. They can then help by getting into boats to demonstrate techniques and help. We are offering £60/day for these roles; please contact me if you are interested.

We have always been keen that the open training should support all standards including very able and older sailors. The experienced weekend is one way of addressing this, and we are conscious that having had a big TT squad this last year that there will be good sailors not getting into the Youth squad. We will also consider setting up some advanced open training as we started looking at last year.

For the Dec to March period we will use the syllabus we have had before as a guide, but as previously this can be varied to meet demand and have separate groups for newcomers for example.

We hope this will provide great training for all types of sailors. We had positive feedback from sailors and parents and through the survey we ran. However we are always open and keen to hear your views on how we can make it better.

Regional Training

We believe that encouraging regional training is the way forward for continued expansion of the class. As such we made offers to areas where hubs of activity are emerging. Training has been established at HISC, and we supported events at Torquay and Poole through providing a coach for the weekend. We had also made offers to other regions, including Scotland. The offer continues for this year, so if your club or area is keen to host a regional training event please contact us.

Final points

Many thanks to Martha for doing all the administration so effectively

Many thanks to all our coaches and in particular our head coach Phil Walker. Phil is sadly absent this week working towards his chartered surveying exams and similarly will also be missing for the first part of 12/13, however Rob P

Partridge who has worked with us for the last 2 seasons is acting in Phil's absence.

As previously mentioned please do talk to us about any feedback or ideas to improve the open training.

Questions (there were none)